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SUBJECT: COMMITMENT DEADLINE FOR FY-75 CU COUNTRY FUNDS
REFERENCE-: STATE 044619

1. POST ESTIMATES THAT DOLS40,500 HAS BEEN COMMITTED AS FOLLOWS:

A. PREVIOUSLY TRANSMITTED:

RICHARD MANNATHOKO IV 3,500
ENERGY MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT)

FULBRIGHT PROFESSOR EXTENSION 2,400

4-H EXCHANGE 13,000

ROSINA MANNATHOKO IV 4,500
(INTERNATION WOMEN'S YEAR
MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT)

MINISTER CHIEPE IV 4,500

TITUS MADISA IV(NUTRITION 2,500
MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT - PARTIAL)

DOREEN NTETA IV(MUSEUM DIRECTORS 2,100
MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT - PARTIAL)

TOTAL 32,500

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B. AS CALLED FOR BY STATE 011634, WE HAVE BEGUN DISCUSSIONS WITH

GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA REGARDING PARLIMENTARY VISIT AND HAVE RECEIVED INFORMAL APPROVAL FOR MPHO PLUS AT LEAST ONE BDP MEMBER. ON THE BASIS OF A TRAVEL PROGRAM FOR TWO PARLIAMENTARIANS, ESTIMATED COST DOLS 8,000

2. ON THE BASIS OF THE FOREGOING, EMBASSY ESTIMATES A SHORTFALL OF DOLS3,500 TO BE FUNDED FROM FALLOUT MONEY.

3. IN ADDITION, GOVERNMENT-DESIGNATE H.C.L. HERMANS OF THE SOON TO BE ESTABLISHED BANK OF BOTSWANA (CENTRAL BANKING AUTHORITY) WILL BE TRAVELLING TO CARIBBEAN IN EARLY MAY TO OBSERVE CENTRAL BANKING PRACTICES THERE. HERMANS IS CLEARLY A LEADER AND INFLUENTIAL IN ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL FIELD, HE IS IN PROCESS OF FORMULATING BOTSWANA NATIONAL BANKING PRACTICES. THIS VISIT TO U.S. VICINITY PRESENTS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE SENIOR GOB OFFICIAL WITH EXPOSURE TO U.S. FINANCIAL COMMUNITY AND POTENTIAL INVESTORS. PROGRAM COULD INCLUDE VISITS TO COMMERCIAL BANKS, REGIONAL FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS, AND DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON WITH TREASURY, FEDERAL RESERVE, OPIC, AND EX/IM. THIS PROGRAM IS IN FULL CONSONANCE WITH U.S. POLICY INTERESTS IN BOTSWANA. COST, APPROX. DOLS1,250, YO BE FUNDED FROM FALLOUT MONEY.
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